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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Robert F. Bonner et al.

Application No.: 09/456,042

Filed: December 6, 1999

For: DESIGNS FOR NON-CONTACT
LASER CAPTURE
MICRODISSECTION

Examiner: G. Gabel

Art Unit: 1641

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 20, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Sub C1
B1
D1

1. (Once Amended) A process of laser capture microdissection from a specimen having the steps of:
providing a selectively activatable layer which upon activation causes volumetric expansion with an extremity of the volumetric expansion exceeding a first interval taken normal to a surface of the selectively activatable layer;